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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

TRAUTMAN, et al.

FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
PIERCING SKIN WITH  
MICROPROTRUSIONS

SERIAL NO. 09/976,798

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EXAMINER: K. L. Thompson

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 16, 2003, Applicant hereby elects Specie I, which is directed to a method of delivering or sampling an agent through the stratum corneum. Applicant submits that original Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 34 and 38 read on the elected specie.

Applicant further requests that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.